

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 7-13 and 15-18 stand **finally** rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 7-13 were **canceled**, thereby rendering **moot** their rejection.

Claim 14 is **allowed**.

Claims 2 and 18 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, thereby overcoming the rejection of claims 2-5 and 18.

Claims 15-17 have been amended to delete the "method steps" to which the Examiner objects, thereby overcoming this rejection of claims 15-17.

Thus, since the three stated grounds for rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, have been overcome, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner now to find the application to be in condition for allowance with claims 2-5 and 14-18; however, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to

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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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